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DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

ÀTTORNEY'S DOCKET NO. **22750/514**

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address, and citizenship are as stated below next to my name,

I believe I am an original, first, and sole inventor of the subject matter that is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled Flachdichtung für eine Kolbenkraft-oder Arbeitsmaschine (Flat Seal for a Piston Engine or Production Machine) the Germanlanguage specification of which is being filed with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office herewith.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56(a).

PRIOR FOREIGN APPLICATION(S)

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, § 119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

COUNTRY	APPLICATION	DATE OF FILING	DATE OF ISSUE	PRIORITY CLAIMED
	NUMBER	(day, month, year)	(day, month, year)	UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 119
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POWER OF ATTORNEY: As a named inventor, I hereby appoint the following attorneys:

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I declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under § 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

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